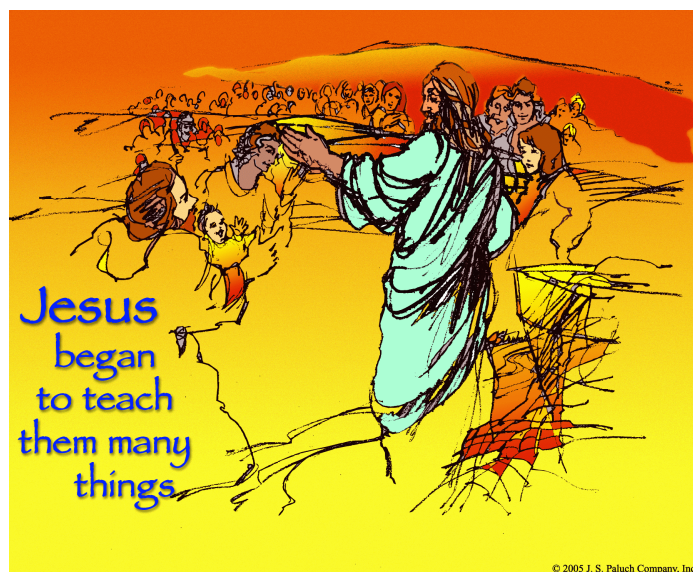


Holy Spirit Parish Family

July 18, 2021 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

PARISH OFFICE

3130 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Website: www.holyspiritstl.org
Phone: 314-739-0230
E-mail: parish@holyspiritstl.org
Fax: 314-739-0237

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Bob Evans, Pastor.....Ext. 103
revans@holyspiritstl.org
Fr. Jerry Meier, In Residence.....Ext. 112
jmeier@holyspiritstl.org
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Faith in Action, (Call the Parish Office)
Prayer Chain —
prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org
HandS.....314-739-9796
Stephen Ministry
.....314-739-0230 ext. 130

SCHOOL

(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

3120 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Phone: 314-739-1934
Fax: 314-739-7703
Kate Ayres, School Secretary,
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K.....314-739-5020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for June 28-July 4, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 175 utilized	\$ 15,592.00
Loose Collection	\$ 412.51
Online Donations, 74 families	\$ 5,234.00
Total	\$ 21,238.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 1,048.13

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 200.00	\$ 608.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, July 18

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, July 19

6:00 pm—Quilting, Quilting Rm.

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 am—Quilting, Quilting Rm.
—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, July 22

6:00 pm—Bell Choir, Church

Sunday, July 25

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 am—Salad Sunday, Parish Hall
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.



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Prayer in action is love, love in action is service. ~Mother Teresa

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for one another is one of the most powerful things we can do for each other. It can be done at any time & in any place. You can make prayer requests or pray for others or both. Presently we have over 125 people who receive prayer requests by phone or email. If you are already praying, you do NOT need to sign up. If you would like to join us or request prayers, please contact the parish office, 739-0230, leave a message for Sharon Kaufman or prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

THE GARDEN OF FEEDEN IS BACK!

Vegetables will be available each weekend at the Annex

Sat. 9-11 AM & Sun. 8:30-10:30

If you have a home garden, and would like to share any of your produce, we are delivering to the food pantries and would be glad to add your surplus.



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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Karl Gill	John Rath
Renee Armon	Eric Hill	John Rizzello
Kathryn Arnold	Betty Hirschmugl	John Roberson
Greg Bamert	Suzanne Holzum	Pat Romano
Bert & Sarah Beckmann	Brenda Jaeger	Mike Sampson
Donna Bolm	Diane Javaux	Jean Schepers
Nancy Brand	Kathy Johnson	Anita Schiermeyer
Jim Brockmeyer	Kenneth Jordan	Norma Schwaninger
Connie Buenemann	Sharon Knoppe	Jimmy Smith
Linda Buttry	Mike Lemp	Mary Taszarek
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Jan Telthorst
Margaret Cima	Karen Newcomb	Rebecca Tobar
Ed Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Matthew Cody	Jacob Null	Nanci Van Amburgh
Peggy Cody	Bob & Donna	Joe & Jean Wangler
Leon Deimeke	Pedrotti	Angeline Weber
Charles Dent	Rick Pemberton	Gene Weckherlin
Till Fehrenbacher	Maisy Grace Pina	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Betty Fiske	Bob & Tootie	Christine
Ray & Betty Garvels	Ponder	Woracheck
	Brian Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
	Carolyn Putnam	Pam Zika

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Robert Schneider
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Christian James	Ruby Smith
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Alford Snowden
Nancy Chik	Jenny Lemkemann	Grace Solimando
Beau Dempewolf	Trish Merklin	Jerry Sutterer
Margaret Dickinson	Lou Merritt	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Debbie Ditch	Shirley Petrosky	Jim Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	John Wamhoff
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Sr. Pat Rodemann	Bonnie Wittman
Michael Gill	Sheryl Sanfilippo	Joe Wolf
Chris Gooch	Albert Schiermeyer	

BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Spirit Parish,
Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, July 18
8:00 am – 12:30 noon

Be a Steward of Christ!
Appointment **REQUIRED**
NO Walk-in's.

To schedule an appointment, log on to
www.bloodcenter.org/donate
Use group sponsor code 10414



Mississippi Valley
Regional Blood Center

www.bloodcenter.org
Eat before donating • Bring photo ID

will you give?

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 18

7:30am	Dorothy Ellebracht
9:00am	Fisk Family
11:00am	Bernetta Drury

Monday, July 19

6:30 am	Tom Hunkins
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Tuesday, July 20

6:30am	Mike Rolfes
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Wednesday, July 21

6:30am	Faithful Departed
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Thursday, July 22

8:00am	Robert Collins
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Friday, July 23

8:00am	Jan Schupbach
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Saturday, July 24

8:00am	Bob Hachmeister
5:00pm	Leonard Pemberton

Sunday, July 25

7:30am	Luke Boenker
9:00am	George Murphy
11:00am	Stephen & Mary Uelk

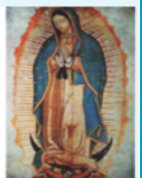
FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Mildred Mangelsdorf**; mother of Frank (Rhonda) Rauscher, grandmother of Alexandra and Nicholas; and **Shirley Jennings**, sister-in-law of Pat. May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life
invites you to pray
a 68th



Living Rosary for Life...

Assumption Parish-Mattese
4725 Mattis Rd. St. Louis, MO 63128

Sunday, July 25th, will see the celebration of the first
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



World Day for
Grandparents
and the
Elderly

"I am with you always" are the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: the whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!



#IamWithYouAlways

@laityfamilylife

SENIOR EXERCISE

For the month of July
we'll meet on **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**
from 9 to 10 a.m.
We will NOT meet July 22, 27 and 29.



THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS BACK!

We have Prayer Shawls available for women, men and children. They were all made and donated by parishioners and are available upon request at no cost - see my contact information below.

Our evening meeting will be Wednesday, July 28, at 7pm in the Resource Center upstairs meeting room.

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to contact Mary, 497-5048. Feel free to call or text.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Catholic Engaged Encounter helps couples prepare for the many challenges they will face, and provides them with tools they can use to help them have a happy, loving, and long-lasting marriage. If you are engaged, consider attending our next Weekend, which will be held Sept. 24-26.

For more information go to:

<https://www.stlengagedencounter.org/>,

Email: engagedencounterstl@gmail.com or call Peggy & Richard Burton, 314-941-1371.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD JULY 25

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month. **Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 AM Sun., July 25.** The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.



HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

The ACTS community at Holy Spirit, in prayer and thanksgiving, is so pleased to announce that formation is resuming in preparation for our next Men's and Women's retreats.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Upcoming Men's Retreat: October 28-31, 2021

Mike Schnable, Director

314-581-8657 or mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Women's Retreat: January 20-23, 2022

Anne Kinealy, Director

314-330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications,
at 314-344-9034 (home),
314-239-3015 (cell), or
kleitzfamily@gmail.com.



We're back!

On July 27, our ***older adult*** parishioners are invited to gather at ***11 am*** for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.

SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
(Next to Bob Evans and Olive Garden)

****Note that lunchtime is 11 am and the restaurant opens at 11 am****

Directions: West on St. Charles Rock Rd. Pass under Hwy 270 and then make a left at the stoplight onto Pennridge Dr. Make another immediate left to stay on Pennridge Dr. Sports Café will be on the right.

NEW (& UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE):

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by Friday, July 23rd
so they know their staffing needs.

Due to COVID, they have had employee shortages.

Invite a friend or come alone because it's just for fun!



YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as hs_youth_stl

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Check out our reflections from F3 and questions for you to ask your child.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Gatherings: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. We have begun gathering in person. Join us in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Thur.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you're home this summer & would like to join us, please stop by on Thur. nights, Resource Center. We'd love see you, & if interested, we'd welcome your input & leadership with our C2B retreat.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your mail & check your Email for information about the summer, doing a service project & Session 6: Relationships with sponsors over the summer as well as other important information. You should have received both a mailing and an Email with everything you need. **Be sure to respond which day/time you prefer for your sessions in the fall by July 28.**

Next gathering will be **Aug. 15** for the Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WANTED:

- ~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone &/or lead meetings for high school (Eat. Pray. Discuss.), &/or 7th & 8th grade (MSM-Middle School Madness).
- ~PGC Adults willing to chaperone large events like retreats or March for Life
- ~PGC Adults who are interested in working on occasional opportunities for younger youth (5th & 6th grade) during the school year.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

- * What are you looking forward to right now?
- * What was the first thing you thought of when you woke up this morning? What were you thinking about when you were falling asleep last night?
- * If you could only take three things to a deserted island what would they be? Why?



PSR NEWS

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tues. evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship & do service for others. The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. Confirmation is a parish wide program coordinated by our Youth Minister, Donna Eisenbath.

All families will register & make payments for PSR thru our online program, www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com or PSR registration is one of the quick links on the parish website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Detailed information was also sent by email to each returning family.

WE NEED YOU! DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN? DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH?

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

PSR is looking for a 2nd grade catechist & assistant to lovingly share their faith & help the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. This is a wonderful way to witness to our young children while growing in your own faith as well as serve our parish community. No teaching experience necessary. For the catechist, we have a teacher's manual & lots of supplemental activities to help you plan lessons. The assistant will work with the catechist to help the classroom run smoothly & help with tasks as determined by the catechist. PSR is held on Tue. evenings from late August until early May, 6:45-8pm.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Farhat 314-739-0230 ext. 108 or email lfarhat@holyspiritstl.org

PSR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The PSR Scholarship Fund has been established to assist PSR families who need financial assistance with their PSR tuition. Parent(s) wishing to be considered for a scholarship must complete a PSR Financial Assistance Form for the current year & submit it to the CRE for approval. Donations to the PSR Scholarship Fund may be made in honor of or in memory of an individual as well as general contributions. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to someone who has made a difference in helping your family grow in faith. Donations may be made by check or cash or through electronic giving found on the parish website www.holyspiritstl.org. Go to the online giving tab & log in or create an account. When setting up a new donation, look for the "PSR Scholarship" choice in the designations for donations. To designate an honorarium or memorial donation, please include information on the memo field or if mailing a check, please include a note. All donations are tax deductible.

IT'S COMING...
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Mark your calendars for this year's Annual Carnival.

Plan to join us for all the family fun!

Watch the bulletin for more details.

Want to get involved?

Contact Bryan (see below).

This is a GREAT way to meet your fellow parishioners,
classmates, and other volunteers!



HOLY SPIRIT CARNIVAL NEEDS YOU!

The Holy Spirit Carnival has been enjoyed by many for over 40 years. We want to Thank You for being a part of the success of the carnival, whether you have enjoyed attending, working or helping out in any capacity. Thank You! You, the parishioners of Holy Spirit, are what have helped to make the carnival so successful! As you are well aware it is the largest fundraiser we have and is vital to continuing the over 30 ministries Holy Spirit provides to our community. In the past we have had great chair people and many friends work together to bring this great event to Northwest St. Louis County.

We are currently asking for your help. We are looking for a few more co-chairs and also for help with running the booths that the kids love to play at.

It is so much fun working with friends & making new friends on the weekend. The best part is seeing how everyone comes together to make Our Carnival a family friendly event for all ages to enjoy.

To work together to help Holy Spirit continue to be
one of the best parishes in the
Archdiocese, please contact

Bryan Hercules 956-7727 OR
bhercules1717@gmail.com.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

In November 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In the letter, the bishops invite all people of faith to conversion. We are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ's love for all people and to the experiences of those who have been harmed by the evil of racism... The process of praying through, reflecting upon, and acting upon the message of the pastoral letter is hard work, but it is work from which all will benefit. ...The bishops write, "Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered."

Source: https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guide-open-hearts-2019-09_0.pdf pg 1

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!- THE WORD

Many of us have heard the jokes that Catholics don't read the Bible. While it is true that the sacramental life of the Catholic Church is wonderful and surpasses the power of Scripture alone, it is imperative for us to read and pray with Scripture. Jesus, the Word made flesh, reminds us in His words to the disciples how important it is to hear the Word of God, to meditate on it, and to implement its truths into our daily lives. He reminds us of the necessity to be rooted in it and to allow it to become the wellspring from which all of our thoughts, words, and actions flow. We should read Scripture every single day of our lives, whether that means going to daily Mass and listening to the readings, praying lectio divina, or praying a daily Bible verse on one of the various apps. St. Jerome once said that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. We come to a fuller knowledge and relationship with the Lord when we read the Scriptures.

archstl.org/dynamic

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip Gift Cards will now be available in the Parish Hall for summer sales from 8am-11am.

Please come by the Scrip table to purchase your gift cards or to let us know what retailers you shop so we can add them to our on-hand cards.

We are happy to announce that despite the pandemic, Holy Spirit Scrip wrote a check to the school for \$7000 to help with expenses.

Every online & gift card purchase adds up and we thank you all for your continued support.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of Holy Spirit who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job—or encountering any of countless other life challenges.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

BRIDGES SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the "Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life," based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat runs Sept. into May and coincides with the Church's liturgical calendar.

The retreat begins in Sept., and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual "Zoom" session. For more details about the retreat and information session schedules, visit www.bridgesfoundation.org.

For questions, contact Holy Spirit parishioner, Denny Klosterman, dgklos@gmail.com or 314-341-6924 OR Steve Givens, executive director, executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org, 314-401-2072

FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in Faith in Action since 2006 - over the past 15 years! Over 200 volunteers have been involved and many parishioners have been supported through rides to Mass; rides to dr. appointments; minor home repairs; visits or phone calls; yardwork; light housekeeping; non-medical assistance; meals after surgery or new babies or other health crises; or prayers sent out on the prayer chain. You have truly been the hands and feet of Christ.

As we look to the future (and as I retire), we are making some changes to this ministry. In order to meet those requests that seem to be the highest needs, we are focusing on the following ways we assist parishioners:

Prayer requests
Yard Work
Minor Home Repair
Emergency Meals
Rides to Mass or Rides to Dr. Appointments

Beginning on July 1st, we are streamlining the procedures. Please contact the Parish Office 314-739-0230 or email parish@holyspiritstl.org to make requests for assistance or to volunteer to help. We can always use more help! A volunteer coordinator will be in contact with the appropriate group of volunteers to fill requests or to contact new volunteers. Please remember that it takes about a week or so to fill requests, we need time to contact volunteers and get responses. Additionally, the office is not open on the weekend so there is no one available to take requests. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks again for all that you do to be Christ to one another!

Sharon Kaufman

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION!

Does our Parish Office have **YOUR** current family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know **NOW** so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Parish Office number is 314-739-0230.

Thank you for your help!

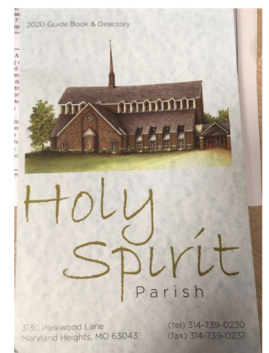
ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, function and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office by July 23.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of

families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser.

It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



Holy Spirit Catholic School
Red & Blue Weekly Raffle

- *First Monday of every month - \$100.00*
- *Remaining Mondays of the month - \$25.00*
- *Drawing to be held on Mondays*

September 13, 2021 – May 16, 2022

Proceeds to benefit technology/field trip transportation

Donation: \$20.00

You need not be present to win.

Holy Spirit Catholic School

Red & Blue Weekly Raffle

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Seller's Name: _____

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 2:13-18
Mark 6:30-34

Monday, July 19

Exodus 14:5-18
Ex 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 20

Exodus 14:21 – 15:1
Ex 15:8-10,12,17
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 21

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
John 20:1-2,11-18

Friday, July 23

Exodus 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 24

Exodus 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
Matthew 13:24-30

Everyone in ministry feels overwhelmed by their calling from time to time. Whether it's the ministry of raising children, or caring for an elderly spouse or parent, or working a job in a way that reveals Christ, or volunteering at a church or pastoring a parish, it's necessary to take time out for ourselves – a vacation, a holiday – for nourishment and rest and recuperation. Jesus says so in today's Gospel reading.

If we don't obey this commandment, we become cranky. We make selfish or poor decisions. We become like the evil shepherds of the first reading, who misled and scattered those whom they were called to serve. Why? Because we become vulnerable to temptations when we try to give what we do not have.



has to give. They want the healing and peace that he offers. He wants to help them, but if we who are his hands and feet and voice are too weak and worn out from our hardships, what then?

We need to go to a deserted place with Jesus and rest awhile in his nourishing love. If we go away on a retreat or vacation and come back to our work and ministries still cranky (i.e., if the people we shepherd wish we'd go take a longer trip), we haven't rested enough. We've cut short the restoration process. Never-mind the

pile-up of workload. Jesus is inviting us to "Come away by yourself and rest awhile longer with Me until you become more like Me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What work of the Lord has become unhappy for you? What stole your joy? How can you get it back? (You might need a spiritual director to help you figure this out.)
2. What needs of yours must be met before you can feel enthusiastic about ministry? What will you do this week to let Jesus meet these needs?
3. Why do people neglect to give themselves enough time for rest and restoration?
4. What do you do to recharge your energy and restore Christian enthusiasm?

It takes energy to reveal God's love. It takes energy to remain enthusiastic in serving others. But how can we get recharged with new energy if we don't take time to sit still, rest, and pray? How can we care about others when we don't take good care of ourselves? Jesus lives within us, but before we can give him to others, we must first let him give himself to us.

Daily we encounter people who are like sheep without a shepherd; they are seeking Jesus whether they realize it or not. They want the unconditional love that he

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2 Kgs 4:42-44 — Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 — Eph 4:1-6 — Jn 6:1-15



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